

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (original) An anti-allergic agent, which comprises as an effective ingredient a protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 or a protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 where one or more amino acid residues are replaced, inserted or added in such a manner that the anti-allergic activity of the protein is not substantially eliminated.

2. (original) An anti-allergic agent, which comprises as an effective ingredient a protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 or a protein comprising an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 where one or more amino acid residues are replaced, inserted or added in such a manner that the anti-allergic activity of the protein is not substantially eliminated.

3. (original) An anti-allergic agent, which comprises royal jelly or purified royal jelly.

4. (original) The agent of claim 3, wherein said purified royal jelly is a water-soluble protein fraction obtained from a royal jelly.

5. (original) The agent of any one of claims 1 to 4, which is characterized in that said agent lowers the relative production of interleukin 2 to 80% or less or of interleukin 4 to 60% or less than the case of without the protein of the agent in the inhibition test of cytokine production using a sample with 2 mg/ml protein concentration, disclosed in the specification.

6. (original) A method for inhibiting allergy, which is characterized in that use of a composition comprising a protein having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 or where one or more amino acid residues are replaced, inserted or added in a manner that the activity is not substantially eliminated.

7. (original) A method for inhibiting allergy, which is characterized in that use of a composition comprising a protein having an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 or the protein where one or more amino acid residues are replaced, inserted or added in a manner that the activity of the protein is not substantially eliminated.

8. (original) The method of claim 6 or 7, wherein said composition is a royal jelly or a purified royal jelly.

9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein said purified royal jelly is a water-soluble protein fraction from a royal jelly.

10. (currently amended) The method of ~~any one of claims 6 to 9~~ claim 6 or 7, which is characterized by taking or administering ~~the said protein of claim 6 or 7~~ at a dose of 0.01 to 100 mg/kg body weight.

11. (original) A food or beverage, which comprises the agent of any one of claims 1 to 4.

12. (original) A cosmetic, which comprises the agent of any one of claims 1 to 4.

13. (original) A pharmaceutical, which comprises the agent of any one of claims 1 to 4.